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1. "BRIDGEBUILDER" IDENTIFIED AS .....
2. ATTEMPT BY A NEIGHBOUR TO ENLIST "BRIDGEBUILDER" WHO WAS DEVELOPED BY GEM  
AGENT FLOR
3. INTELLIGENCE PASSED BY STAS ON GERMAN ARMY  
(1942)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No: 865 ✓

7th May 1942

To NORTHERN[i].

FLOR[ii] [1 group unrecovered] spent a long time developing[a] "BRIDGE-  
BUILDER [MOSTOVIK]"[iii] (  
- see the previous material) and put him through extensive  
training[b]. Recently[c] NEIGHBOUR[SOSED][iv], through his own official  
[RABOTNIK], summoned BRIDGEBUILDER to the METRO[v] and proposed to him that  
he [w] should work [x] "BRIDGEBUILDER" [y] up [z] the  
METRO and so on. FLOR [1 group unrecovered] for several days BRIDGEBUILDER  
did not go anywhere and did not [1 group unrecovered] anything. As a matter  
urgency please tell the NEIGHBOUR to steer clear of BRIDGEBUILDER.

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AKASTO[vi]

To NORTHERN.

1. According to information from STAS [STAS'][vii] the Germans have 8  
divisions in NORWAY.

2. The Germans have 48 Panzer and 48 mechanized divisions ((~~24 this [e]~~)  
[9 group unrecovered] [66 groups unrecoverable])

3. ~~Recommendation~~ *Recommendation* - RUND... 160 gr. unrecoverable

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Notes: [a] The verb used is RAZRABATYVAT'. This means assessing a  
candidate, developing in him a trust of the case officer  
and determining whether or not he is suitable for recruitment

[b] Literally "carried out large training/preparation".

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[e] or "the".

[1] As it is not clear which part of the verb "to ring" was intended, the infinitive has been given in the translation.

[e] or "these"

[ 5 ] NORTHERN:

MOSCOW addressee and signatory.  
Probably Northern Department.

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Unidentified covername. Also occurs in STOCKHOLM's No. 84 of 14th January 1942 (3/NBF/T1866) and No. 737 of 19th April 1942 (3/NBF/T1868). FLORD which is possibly a variant of FLOR occurs in MOSCOW's No. 179 of 10th Mar 1942 (3/NBF/T1816), No. 467 of 13th July 1942 (unpublished) and No. 776 of 15th October 1942 (3/NBF/T1439).

114 BRIDGESBUILDER:

Not traced. Also occurs in STOCKHOLM No. 737 of 19th April 1942 (3/NBF/T18), and MOSCOW's No. 776 of 15th October 1943 (3/NBF/T1439).

(14) NEIGHBOUR:

Member of another Soviet Intelligence organisation.

[4] METRO:

any Soviet Legation or Embassy.

[vi] KASTO:

Col. N.I. NIKITUSHEV, Soviet Military  
Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

vi/ ST/Š:

Maj. Poliks BRZESKOWSKI, Polish Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM. Also occurs in STOCKHOLM's No. 394 of 27th February 1942 (3/NBF/T1636), No. 553 of 24th March 1942 (unpublished) and No. 667 of 11th April 1942 (3/NBF/T15

